

her 20 years of exceptional service to the Central City Association of Los Angeles. Through her tireless leadership and her skillful ability to work hand-in-hand with local, state, and federal officials, Carol has made a tremendous contribution on behalf of the Downtown business community, and I look forward to continuing to work with her to realize our shared dream for a thriving and prosperous Downtown for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH
ANNIVERSARY OF LOGAN CENTER

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the 60th anniversary of Logan Center in South Bend, Indiana. Since 1950, Logan Center has been a leader in north central Indiana's community in supporting individuals with disabilities.

Americans with developmental or physical disabilities and their families face particularly daunting challenges to maintain health, independence, and quality of life. For the past 60 years, Logan Center has helped these individuals and their families achieve full, successful lives. They provide services such as vocational training and community outings for adults and speech, physical, and occupational therapy for children. The Center also runs Best Buddies, which pairs individuals with disabilities with students from local colleges, forming bonds between individuals across the community.

Additionally, this August, Logan Center will host their 7th annual Logan's Run, a local race and fun walk to raise awareness and benefit those with developmental disabilities.

Logan Center is a well respected organization with the proven ability to improve and change lives, and I am proud of their continued support of our local community for the past 60 years, with many more to come in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010 PACIFIC
REGION YOUTH OF THE YEAR
RECIPIENT, ROMONIA DIXON

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Romonia Dixon of Tempe, the recipient of the 2010 Pacific Youth of the Year Award. This national award, granted by the Boys and Girls Club of America, recognizes Mona's academic excellence and outstanding contributions to her school and community despite personal challenges and obstacles.

For much of her life, Romonia has been moving with her family to different cities and homeless shelters—often times getting separated from her family to ensure each person had a safe haven for the night. Romonia reached out to the Boys and Girls Club-Ladmo Branch five years ago for stability and support and has since become a beacon of inspiration and motivation for younger members.

This remarkable young woman has taken every opportunity to teach the importance of being a conscientious, caring and productive member of society. Romonia participates in the Keystone Club, a leadership and service group for teens, takes part in "Read to Me" volunteer program for kids at a shelter where she once lived, and organizes canned food drives.

Romonias excellence is further reflected in her commitment to her education at Tempe High School. Being a former graduate and teacher at Tempe High School, I am immensely proud of Romonia's achievements—graduating third in her class with a 3.92 grade point average. Romonia's merits extend beyond the classroom where she served as the varsity basketball team's captain, and belonged to a number of school organizations.

Being named Pacific Region Youth of the Year will grant Romonia \$24,000 in college scholarships from founding sponsor Reader's Digest Foundation. This will be in addition to the \$30,000 in scholarships that Romonia has earned by being named Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley's Youth of the Year. Romonia will spread her talent further as she enrolls at my alma mater, Arizona State University, where she will be a member of the professional program at the W.P. Carey School of Business and the Barrett Honors College.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Romonia Dixon for her inspiring efforts, talents, and service to our community through the Boys and Girls Club.

THE OIL POLLUTION RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 2693, the Oil Pollution Research and Development Program Reauthorization Act of 2010.

The Deepwater Horizon tragedy has shown that the U.S. preparedness for offshore exploration, in relation to technologies to prevent and respond to oil spills, is severely lacking.

Unfortunately, I know first hand how little these technologies have improved in the past 41 years, since the 1969 oil spill off of my coast in Santa Barbara.

The tragic loss of 11 lives in the explosion on the BP Deepwater Horizon and the resulting environmental damage, underscores the need to focus more research on accident prevention and environmental safety.

H.R. 2693 will make oil and gas drilling safer.

This bipartisan legislation provides for robust oversight and accountability of the inter-agency research and development program established in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

H.R. 2693 sets up a more efficient federal management structure by establishing a multi-agency committee to coordinate research and ensure the ongoing development of new technologies and methods to prevent, recover and respond to future oil spills.

We have a responsibility to ensure that the relevant federal agencies are equipped with

the financial resources needed to effectively respond to future oil spills.

H.R. 2693 increases the funding for a regional research, development and demonstration program. I support the increase in funding for this program as well as the measure in the bill to authorize \$2 million a year for the next 4 years for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, to conduct oil-spill demonstration projects.

As long as we extract and transport oil along our coasts, there will be the risk of oil spills, and the potential for damage to our coastal ecosystems and economies.

That is why I support H.R. 2693. It allows for better interagency coordination and a more robust strategy for responding to and reducing the environmental and economic impacts of future oil spills.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting yes on H.R. 2693.

ZHENZI QIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Zhenzi Qin who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Zhenzi Qin is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Zhenzi Qin is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels that strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Zhenzi Qin for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOSEPH M. FARLEY,
FORMER PRESIDENT OF
ALABAMA POWER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to offer tribute to a remarkable businessman and leader in Alabama, Mr. Joseph M. Farley, who passed away on May 24 at the age of 82.

Joe Farley guided Alabama Power Company for 2 decades, serving as president from 1969 to 1989.

He is credited with—and admired for—his steady and wise leadership, successfully guiding Alabama Power during some very difficult times for the energy industry in America.

From the beginning, it appeared as though Joe Farley was both educated and trained for the task of running a major energy company. He held a mechanical engineering degree from Princeton University, attended the University of Alabama's College of Commerce